



Gospel of Mark

Us & Them

Mark 9:38-41

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The Connection — “John said to Him, ...”

A Few Cautions About This Passage — Things to Keep in Mind

Be careful that you don't miss the _____ point of the passage by the incident of someone, other than the disciples, being able to cast out a demon.

Be careful if you are thinking that Jesus is saying anything, and anyone is to be accepted if they are doing it in “ _____ ” name.

Be careful that you don't use your own personal _____ as the litmus test for who we are to accept and who we reject.

Lesson — Us & Them

I. HOW JOHN SAW IT — His Perspective (v. 38)

The Person — “**John** said to Him,”

The Perspective — “... *Teacher* (called *Master* in Luke 9:49) ***we saw someone casting out demons*** in Your name, ...”

The Prohibition — “... *and we **tried to prevent him*** ...”

The Problem — “... ***because he was not following us.***”

The Application Point — They are more _____ and _____ than Jesus is!

II. HOW JESUS SAW IT — His Position (vs. 39-41)

The Principle (vs. 39-40)

*“But Jesus said, “Do not hinder him, for there is no one **who will perform a miracle in My name**, and be able soon afterward to **speak evil** of Me. For he who is not against us is for us.”*

The Application Point — The main things are the _____ things, and the plain things are the _____ things.

The Picture (v. 41)

“For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as followers of Christ, truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward.”

1. What does Mark intend to teach us about JESUS in this passage?
2. What does Mark intend to teach us about OUR RESPONSE in this passage?

This passage requires 3 important responses from us

- We must respond with _____.
- We must learn to respond with _____.
- We must respond with the _____ to focus on what is primary.